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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINR PFOR PBOR MR SS SSMO

SUBJECT: MAURITANIA APPOINTS DEPUTY GOVERNOR FOR SAHARA

1. GIRM OFFICE OF PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER 23 THAT ABDALLAHI OULD CHEIKH, MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND LABOR, HAS BEEN NAMED GOVERNOR, REPRESENTING MAURITANIA, IN TRIPARTITE ADMINISTRATION OF SAHARA.

2. OULD CHEIKH WAS BORN IN 1936 AT BOUTILIMIT, ONE HUNDRED MILES SOUTHEAST OF NOUAKCHOTT. HE HAS HELD NUMBER OF IMPORTANT POSITIONS INCLUDING PERSONNEL DIRECTOR OF SOMIMA COPPER MINES, GOVERNOR OF THIRD REGION, AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TRANSPORT FROM 1973-75. HE WAS APPOINTED MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND LABOR IN AUGUST 1975. HE WAS MEMBER OF NATIONAL BUREAU OF MAURITANIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY FROM 1971-75 AND APPOINTED MEMBER OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE PARTY IN 1975. HE IS MARRIED WITH SEVEN CHILDREN. OULD CHEIKH SPEAKS ARABIC, FRENCH AND HESITANT BUT VERY PRECISE ENGLISH. HE HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEEN HELPFUL AND COOPERATIVE IN HIS RELATIONS WITH AMERICANS.

ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION WAS REPORTED IN NOUAKCHOTT
A-62.

3. COMMENT: GIRM ANNOUNCEMENT DID NOT SPECIFY WHETHER
OR NOT OULD CHAIKH WOULD BE EXPECTED TO RELINQUISH HIS
CURRENT MINISTERIAL POSITION NOR WHETHER NEW APPOINTMENT
EXTENDS BEYOND FEB. 28. NOR WAS THERE ANY INDICATION
WHERE OR WHEN HE WOULD TAKE UP RESIDENCE IN WESTERN SAHARA.
ONE POSSIBLE LOCATION FOR ESTABLISHING RESIDENCY, LA GUERA,
WOULD SEEM TO BE RULED OUT SINCE TOWN NOW UNDER CONTROL
OF F POLISARIO (NOUAKCHOTT 2381). ANOTHER POSSIBILITY,
VILLA L SNEROS, IS QUESTIONABLE AS WE UNDERSTAND F POLISARIO
MAY HAVE ESTABLISHED CONTROL THERE. OULD CHEIKH MAY,
THEREFORE, BE REQUIRED TO "GOVERN" FROM MAURITANIA OR
PERHAPS EL AAIUN. HANDY SIDE

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